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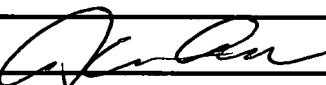
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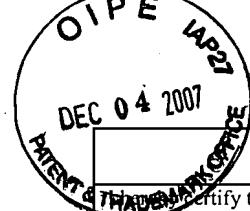
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	First Named Inventor	Spence
	Application Number	10/698,798
	Filing Date	10/31/2003
	Group Art Unit	3735
	Examiner Name	Gilbert, Samuel G.
	Title	Device to Permit Offpump Beating Heart Coronary Bypass Surgery

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 31, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 30, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.